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BY TELEGRAPH. WILD WORK IN CUBA.

Spanish Commissioners Said to Be Killed by Cubans and Gomez Driven to the Woods.

Havana, Dec. 13.—It is officially announced that Spanish forces under command of General Pando in the province of Puerto Principe have been pushing the insurgent leader, General Gomez, so closely that he was obliged with about 200 men to seek refuge in the woods and mountains of Las Delicias.

Not one of the commissioners sent by General Pando to different parts of the island with instructions to negotiate with the insurgents, looking to their acceptance of an autonomous form of government proposed by Spain, has returned, which seems to confirm the reports that some of them have been hanged by the insurgents and that others have elected to remain with the enemy.

It is reported that Juan Delgado, the insurgent leader, hanged the two commissioners who were sent to him with peace propositions. A despatch recently received here from Madrid, says that the autonomous cabinet of Cuba will not be formed until the reformists and autonomists unite in one party.

Madrid, Dec. 13.—Lieutenant General Weyler, who arrived here Sunday afternoon, was received on the railway platform by General Azuarraga, former premier; General Borrego, former commander of the Sixth army corps, and by a number of Republicans, Carlists, Conservatives and revolutionists. As he alighted from the train they cheered him, and then carried him shoulder high to the entrance of the railway station, where he took a carriage and was rapidly driven off. There was no further incident, the public appearing indifferent.

A few friends, including Romero Robledo, accompanied General Weyler to his apartments. About 100 people had collected, but they dispersed almost immediately after he entered the building.

The partisans of General Weyler pretended that a crowd of 8000 people attended him an oration with shouts of "Long live Weyler! death to the Yankees," and the like. He was received by the queen regent today.

The Carlists have abandoned their project of demonstration against President McKinley's message to congress, as they have not been able to agree on the subject.

It is alleged that the insurgents in eastern Cuba have asked the government for details as to the extent and nature of autonomy with a view of coming to terms.

General Weyler, in the course of an interview, expressed the pleasure it had given him to find, from the demonstrations accorded him, that the glorious traditions of the Spanish army were not dead and that it was still ready for service.

Damages and Reckless Invasion.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 13.—The act of the legislature giving damages to persons assaulted or injured by mobs was declared unconstitutional Saturday in the case of J. W. Caldwell against the county commissioners. Caldwell claimed \$1000 because he was injured by a mob during the Brown strike, and the act in question would have allowed him to collect it from the company. The act fixed the damages arbitrarily at \$500 for an assault, \$1000 for serious injury and \$5000 for death. The court declared that when a man was injured, but not seriously enough to be entitled to \$1000, the act in effect made him a present of the difference between his actual loss and \$1000. The legislature, the court said, would not authorize taxes for the purpose of making presents.

A Restrictive Measure.

New York, Dec. 13.—One important result of last week's Saturday bicycle race will probably be a restrictive measure on long distance riding by the L. A. W. Hitherto these events have been conducted under the sanction of the L. A. W., but A. C. Morrison, vice president of that organization, declares that he will prepare and present at the next national assembly of the league an amendment covering the points so thoroughly that will prevent any possible countenance of such an event in the future.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

John Moran fell under a car at Waltham, Mass., Saturday, and is likely to die.

Two men were killed in a collision of steam engines at Oakland, Cal., Saturday.

Michael Dyer was killed Saturday night in a fist fight with John J. Laughlin at Dayton, O. Both were over 70 years old.

Mary Oert, who lacked but three years of being a centenarian, committed suicide in New Brunswick, N. J., by jumping from a second story window.

Phyllis Baker of Newport, Vt., was instantly killed Saturday by being struck by a freight car which was being shifted on a siding. He was 25 years old, and leaves a wife and one child.

Lenna Winslow, who sued the Kansas City, Mo., lodge of Knights of Macabees for \$50,000 for discharging one of its lodges while initiating him four years ago, was awarded \$10,000 by a jury.

The stock house connected with the Hecla mill of the Calumet and Hecla Woolen company at Uxbridge, Mass., was burned last night, causing a loss of \$5000. Cause, spontaneous combustion.

Delilah Fettes and William Kern, aged 25 and 17, respectively, have been sentenced at Waverly, Ia., to 20 and 12 years in the penitentiary for killing the father of the boy for objecting to their marriage.

A Geneva, N. Y., professor reports

office in defense of the honor of the nation and the army. He said that he knew that the Canovas cabinet in August last gave the Washington government to understand that it was the nation's will to pursue his (Weyler's) policy in Cuba until the rebellion should be suppressed without ever consenting to American interference. He failed to understand how the United States, silent before the degradation of Canovas, now so suddenly insulted to Spain and to the Spanish army. He believed, he declared emphatically, that the government should be compelled to publish the Canovas note as a satisfaction to the army, and also to protest by all means in its power against President McKinley's message to congress. To his personal knowledge, he asserted, the general's residing in Madrid felt keenly on this point, while he was confident that all the conservative elements of the country would combine to avert the ruin and dishonor of the nation.

Senator Hanna on Cuba.

New York, Dec. 13.—"What do you think of the president's message in regard to Cuba?" was asked of Senator Hanna.

"The situation has changed greatly in Cuba, and I believe the president's course will be approved. It is true that atrocities are committed in Cuba, but the Cubans and Spaniards are equally guilty. They fight and indulge in cruelties on both sides. I suppose that the administration, through the state department, is kept informed thoroughly about what is taking place on the island. Naturally, their channels of information are better than mine."

As to currency reform legislation, the senator declared that he was hopeful that something would be done. "I believe that some kind of currency legislation will be put through, but just what kind I cannot say. I know many believe that no currency legislation is possible, but I differ from this opinion."

Insurgents' Plans Checked.

Havana, Dec. 13.—The plans of the insurgents to strike a blow near the city have been checked, according to the official account, but the concentration of their forces is such as to make it unlikely that the local bands will surrender, as the Spanish authorities have been hoping.

The business concerns of the city are much discouraged by the actual situation. They do not now look forward to a speedy end of the revolution. All say they have abandoned the hope that the insurgents will surrender, or accept the conditions of autonomy.

Marshal Blanco has cabled Mr. De Lome, the Spanish minister at Washington, a request that he tender his condolences to President McKinley on the death of Mrs. Nancy McKinley, the president's mother.

the observation of a group of sun spots approaching the center of the sun's disc. The group is visible to the naked eye through smoked glass and may be well defined with small telescopes.

Judge Clark of the United States court holds that the term, "original packages," may be applied to small packages of 10 cigars. This effectively settles the cigar question in Tennessee and gives the dealers all the liberty they desire.

An express train on the Michigan Central railroad struck a carriage containing two men on a crossing near Tilsenburgh, Ont., Sunday. Charles Lloyd was instantly killed and Charles Chambers was so seriously injured that he may die.

As the result of a row over a young woman, John Brennan is in a Havre de Grace, hospital with a half dozen razor and knife wounds in various parts of his body, while Robert Perham and Frank Daniels are locked up on a charge of assaulting him.

A fire which originated in the big carpet store of John and James Dobson of Philadelphia Saturday night completely gutted the building. Over \$500,000 in building and stock went up in smoke during the fire, all of which is fully covered by insurance.

John Daly, the Irish patriot, was enthusiastically greeted last night by over 2500 of his compatriots in Boston. A large delegation from the various Irish societies escorted him to a Boston theater, where he recounted in an interesting address his life in Portland prison.

A statement prepared at the post-office department shows that the gross postal receipts at 57 of the largest offices for November amounted to \$2,327,568, an increase of \$352,531 for the corresponding month of last year. These receipts are greater than for any other November in the history of the service.

The notorious Bedden brothers, who for a number of years have been operating an illicit distillery in Raleigh county, W. Va., were captured Sunday by the United States marshal and their distillery confiscated. The officers have long been engaged in a search for the base of the brothers' operations.

The poor girl who is forced to practice on the piano two or three hours a day may take heart and hope. She has a friend in the world of music. He is a power among pianists, and one of his distinguished pupils is no less a celebrity than Paderewski. Leschetizky, for that is his simple name, does not believe in long hours. A pupil may practice two hours a day if she cares to, but one hour of good work is in his opinion sufficient. This is certainly a delightful news and would surely bring the fingers of the Berlin Conservatorium, where 10, 12 and 14 hours are considered none too much for an earnest student. Leschetizky's playing is described as "airy, delicate and beautiful," and he is the favorite master in Paris now. He was a pupil of Czerny's, who wrote those despatches, "difficult exercises, and who was, as all pianists know, Beethoven's favorite pupil."

BY TELEGRAPH. BRAM GETS A NEW TRIAL

U. S. Supreme Court Reverses the Decision in the Barkentine Fuller Murder Case.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—A decision in the Supreme court rendered by Justice White in the famous murder case of Thomas M. Bram, now under sentence of death in Boston, will give the prisoner a new trial.

The opinion reverses the decision of the United States Circuit court below on the ground that the lower court erred in admitting the testimony of the detective with whom Bram conversed in Halifax.

It will be recalled that the crime with which Bram is charged was committed on the Barkentine Herbert Fuller on the high seas. He was accused of murdering Capt. Charles I. Nash, and his wife and the mate, who were murdered at the same time.

The vessel on which the tragedy occurred was bound from New York to South America, and after the crime was discovered her course was changed and the first landing made at Halifax. A seaman named Brown, was first arrested by shipmates charged with the commission of the crime, and afterwards actuated by a

statement of Brown's, they also took Bram into custody.

The decision holds that Bram's evidence given through the mouth of a detective with whom he talked, was not competent and that no man's life should be put in jeopardy by such evidence. Bram will now have a new trial.

Bad News from Klondike.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 13.—By the steamer Topeka from Dyea news is received that more than 1000 ill provisioned men stampeded from Dawson during the latter part of October and impelled by fears of famine are now forcing their way over the mountains.

Auk, the Indian mail carrier, declares that fully 25 per cent of the stampeding army will never live to tell the horrors of their flight north. The river steamers Bella and Wearie, it now appears, did not land more than 100 tons of provisions on their arrival in Dawson in the early part of October, owing to their having been held up at Circle City.

HAS LOST HIS MOTHER.

Gloom of Death in the McKinley Home at Canton.

Daily Expected Passing Away Transpired Sunday.

As If in a Deep Sleep, the Patient Entered the Valley of the Shadow.

Canton, O., Dec. 13.—The first intimation given those without that the watchers by the bedside of Mrs. McKinley had at last witnessed what had been looked for hourly from the time she became prostrated by a fatal illness was the summoning of an undertaker at 2:35 o'clock Sunday morning. At a crisis had been reached at midnight was conjectured by reason of the refusal of the inmates of the McKinley home to answer rings at the bell. The invalid did not suffer in her last hours, but gradually passed from the deep, pained sleep in which she had passed almost constantly for 10 days into the sleep of death. There was no return of consciousness.

From 11 o'clock until the time of death the McKinley house was quiet and shrouded in a stillness that was suggestive of the mournful scenes within the walls. No response could be obtained by reporters who sought in vain for news. Shortly before midnight the attendants discovered what were thought to be certain signs of death. The fact was communicated to the inmates of the household who had gone to their rooms, but had not retired for the night.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. Tuesday. Interment will follow in West Lawn cemetery, and Tuesday evening President McKinley and wife and the officials from Washington who will attend the funeral will leave for the capital, reaching there about noon Wednesday. These are the arrangements so far as completed.

It was at first thought by the family that the services should be of a private nature and held in the old homestead. It was soon learned, however, through the pastor of Mrs. McKinley's church and members of the congregation, as well as from other friends, that the number of friends who desired to attend the obsequies could not be accommodated with such arrangements, and church services were decided upon. The services will be simple, consisting of words of comfort and eulogy by the officiating clergyman, and the singing of favorite hymns by the choir. Rev. Dr. Manchester, the pastor of the church, has announced that he will extend an invitation to have the ministers of all the churches participate in the services.



MRS. MCKINLEY.

Funeral services have been selected from among the older members of the church and those who for years have been close neighbors of the deceased. They are Judge William R. Day, ex-Mayor Lynch, R. A. Cassidy, L. L. Miller, W. W. Clark, Judge T. J. McCarty, David Zolbars and ex-Mayor John P. Blake.

The First M. E. church in which the services are to be held is the one in which Mrs. McKinley worshipped during her residence in Canton. Three weeks ago yesterday she was in her pew as usual and, though she was nearly 60 years of age, her attendance had been

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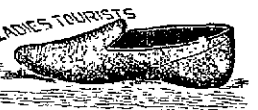
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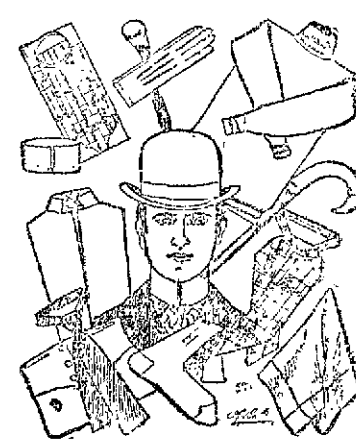
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—John A. Andrew.

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EXPLANATIONS IN ORDER AGAIN.

Motives may be at fault as well as statements. Misstatement after misstatement of Harry Hamer's has been exposed in these columns, and his ignorance of the provisions of the city charter has been proven. Mr. Hamer has now got to answer to this public as to the motives of some of his official acts as councilman. While he has been throwing insinuation of official wrong-doing at almost every city official, hinting at public theft by honest citizens, his own action has been such as will arraign him at the bar of public opinion in question of his motives. The work in the Union has been a point of attack for Mr. Hamer where he expected to make much political capital. But at that point he has battered his head against a wall. His statements against Lally & Co. have been proven false, and it has been shown that the work has been done much cheaper than the state has done its macadamizing. His statement that the Arnold Print works' giving half the cost of the Union work was only what could be required of any abutter, showed him to be ignorant of the law. His charge that Commissioner Hunter and the Arnold Print works were in questionable collusion to put the macadamizing in the Union, is an unproven charge that amounts to slander. So much for Mr. Hamer's misstatements and ignorance of the Union work.

Now for some of Mr. Hamer's motives. Why did he not want the macadamizing in Ward 4? As shown elsewhere in these columns, Ward 4 is a most desirable place and its expense to the city was but half what it would have been had it been laid elsewhere. The fact is Mr. Hamer wanted it in Ward 1, his own ward, and on the road to his own property and home. He suggested this in the city council. He tried to make it appear that the council contemplated its being laid in Ward 1 when the \$2,500 for macadamizing was appropriated. This was in the council meeting of September 23.

Now what was Mr. Hamer's motive in wanting this macadamizing done in ward 1 and "out his way"? How quickly would the selfish purposes of another man advocating what Mr. Hamer did, have been shown out to the public as wrong by Mr. Hamer? Is there not here some reason for Mr. Hamer's course toward the Union work?

Mr. Hamer's desiring that the macadamizing be done in ward 1 and on the road to his own property, does not lack any less disinterestedness because of some other acts of his. He wanted a \$2,000 mayor's salary, and his followers, aided by him, set about trying to accomplish it. Who did Mr. Hamer expect was to be first to draw this salary if his boasts of election on the street were correct? Was not the salary grab the same kind of motive that inspired Mr. Hamer to reach out for the macadamizing of the street in Braytonville? And add to these facts another bit of cumulative evidence,—before the council on April 12 it was Mr. Hamer who stood up alone and proclaimed that an additional appropriation of \$1000 might well be used on the grounds about the Braytonville schoolhouse, when even the school committee did not ask for it. This extra amount of money recommended by Mr. Hamer was for improvements in Ward 1 again.

In view of these facts, the question arises whether Mr. Hamer would not like all the improvements of the city put in Ward 1, and if he is the disinterested legislator he passes for? Large appropriations for his own ward and a big increase of salary for the office he was a few days since so confident of filling, seem to have been his chief inspiration.

Explanations are now in order again.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

All financial reports go to show that business is good, but the season is dull. The productive industries, even in the

season usually about the duldest of the year as to new orders, meet a definite improvement in demand for important products, presumably the fruit of a prevailing conviction that new business will begin to crowd the works after the new year starts. The outward movement of wheat and other products continues on heavy but foreign exchange has fallen three-quarters of a cent, and instead of exports of gold, which have marked December in recent years, imports would come if gold were wanted, as New York credits against foreign bankers exceed \$2,900,000. Securities are advancing with reason in the increased earnings of rail ways.

The demand for woolen goods has clearly improved, and more wool has just been purchased abroad and is being imported, the sales in domestic markets having been for the past week only 2,600,000 pounds at Boston, and in two weeks 11,050,400 pounds at the three markets.

The cotton business is dull, and the market unsatisfactory. That cotton manufacturers are distressed is shown by the great cut in wages at Fall River.

The shoe manufacture surpasses all records in shipments, which have been in five weeks 25 per cent. more than last year, and 32.5 per cent. more than in 1892 and yet many of the shops have orders for some time ahead. A good many have been placed at a small advance in price, but many more withheld because dealers will not pay prices asked. The average of quotations is now only 3.7 per cent. higher than in 1892, with leather averaging for most kinds 15 per cent. higher, and hides at Chicago averaging 61 per cent. higher than five years ago.

The sudden rise in December wheat at \$1.09 would do harm were it not based on averted contracts to ship some millions of bushels to Europe. That fact, and the continued foreign demand in spite of such contracts, has helped a rise of 12 cents in New York.

Failures in the first week of December were but \$2,617,240, manufacturing \$739,420, and trading \$1,791,570. Failures for the week have been 312 in the United States against 380 last year, and 29 in Canada against 43 last year.

Mr. Cady's strength grows.

Who wanted a \$2000 mayor's salary? Mr. Hamer.

Who needs to study the city charter? Harry Hamer.

Where did Mr. Hamer want the acad-

amizing done? In Ward 1.

Mr. Hamer wants this city's work done by contract and out-of-town labor.

Does Mr. Hamer know that his pres-

support is winking behind his back?

The cat is emerging from the bag. Mr. Hamer wanted that macadamizing over his way.

Like Banquo's ghost arise the words and votes of Mr. Hamer in the city council, and they will not down.

Whose campaign is founded on misstatement and false charges against city officials? Harry Hamer's.

Mr. Cady's record as a business man and employer entitle him to the confidence of the voters of this city.

The light is breaking. Mr. Hamer wanted the macadamizing that was done in the Union over in Ward 1. Mr. Hamer has properly over there.

With the death of Mother McKinley the fact is again emphasized of how large a part noble mothers play in the welfare of the nation.

Macadamizing for Ward 1, additional appropriation for Ward 1 school house, a larger salary for a Ward 1 mayor—all wanted by Harry Hamer.

The six-day bicycle race in New York was more brutal than any prize fight. When men are allowed to go raving crazy, it is no longer sport.

Mr. Hamer's votes in the council do not show that he has been in favor of city improvements. But he says that he is. Do actions speak louder than words?

Is there anything else beside all the macadamizing to be done in Ward 1, a \$2000 salary, additional expense for grading Ward 1 school house, which the unselfish patriot, Harry Hamer, can want?

It seems to be "personal" and "slandrous" to merely mention the fact that Daniel, John, Ira, Elmer and Aspin are the fore and front of the Hamer campaign. So the Hamer press says. Perhaps it is so.

Mr. Hamer should now call the state highway commission before himself and investigate the state macadamizing between this city and Williamsowa. But he probably won't do it. That work was done in Ward 1.

The cry that administration papers and writers are roasting good citizens in the Hamer party is the most amusing thing we have heard in many a moon. Roasters should not sneer when given a mild roasting in return.—Sunday Democrat.

But—the only roasting has been just to print without comment the words Daniel and Ira and John and Elmer.

If Mr. Hamer wanted the macadamizing done over in his ward and where it would improve his property, why didn't he suggest bearing half the expense, as he said the Arnold Print works did no more than their share in giving half for the Union work.

Mr. Hamer's friends, Daniel, John, Ira and Elmer, feel that he should have been allowed to throw all the stones he could laid, make all the misstatements he could, and seriously charge public men with mis-

conduct of their offices, and not be called to account for it. They are mistaken, a day will more and more observe from his time out.

Is Mr. Hamer man enough to come and retract his slanderous charge against James E. Hunter when he accuses him of misusing his office in the private interests of the Arnold Print works, or does his statement? If he does not he must forfeit men's good opinion. The charge against Mr. Hunter was of the most serious nature.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Veteran's Thanks to Mr. Houghton and Mr. Cady.

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT:—I have read with much interest the communication in THE TRANSCRIPT signed "Anthony." Had I had the opportunity I should have been glad to have mentioned the fact that the Grand Army men two years ago were very much disgraced and thought seriously of disbanding. We had no quarters and did not know what to do. The writer of this had an interview with the mayor and stated clearly the whole situation. His response was: "No. You don't want to disband. We don't want you should. Get your plans for just what you want. I believe this city will stand by you. Go in for a good building, something that will be convenient and a credit to the Grand Army and to our city, a building that will stand in our city as an inspiration to future generations. Put me down for \$5,000. Drive it right along. I believe the citizens will stand by you. Go to the business man. State your conditions. I believe you will get a hearty response from them. You ought to have a Grand Army home."

I would never have quoted this private conversation had not a personal letter from the mayor to Mr. E. Cady been made public and read in a public meeting and explained in such a way that it was a distortion of the facts and intent of the writer. We acted on the suggestion of the mayor. But when he suggested to us to "drive" it, we did not think he meant that we should get a heavy horse whip and raise it over the heads of our citizens and "drive" subscriptions from them. If he did mean that it was not the way we did it. That is not the way to do it, neither is that the way to build macadam roads.

When we called on Mr. Cady to see him and get his opinion, he said: "Yes, you ought to have it. The shoe business was never as poor as it is now. I would like to give you \$500. Put me down for \$200. See how you get along and come again if you don't get enough."

What Mr. Houghton and Mr. Cady said many others of our business men said and did for us, and the result of it was that we have the finest G. A. R. building in the country today. We have been asked again and again by comrades from all parts of our country how we did it. Our reply was that we stated to a few our condition and acted on their suggestion, and our city is getting the benefit. I know that ordinarily what I have said would not be considered in good taste. But when social conditions are such as they are today and actions and motives are warped and misrepresented as they are, it is refreshing to invade the rights of modesty and make public our appreciation of the gentlemen who have stood by us and their city in every good work. And I believe that we may judge the future of the U.S. and as our officials have stood for the city's best interests, so will the intelligent voters who have the best interests in the city's welfare stand by the citizens of our community, regardless of their political faith.

SCHEME TO HELP CUBA.

A New Journal Plans a Filibustering Expedition.

WOULD PRECIPITATE A CRISIS.

Such Action Would Involve the United States in War With Spain.—What a Few American Gans Could Do in Cuba—New Statutes in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—[Special.]—When it was proposed by the owner of a big New York newspaper to organize an expedition for the purpose of fighting for Cuba, most people smiled. They said it was a mere advertising scheme and could not result in anything of a tangible nature. But I find the men who are familiar with Cuba and the situation which prevails there not so incredulous. It certainly would be a dramatic performance if an American newspaper were to organize an expedition of armed men that should march through the island, defeating the Spanish and giving encouragement to the insurgent cause. I was talking about this with an army officer who knows Cuba pretty well, and what he said was very interesting.

"Strange as it may seem," said this army officer, "I believe a thousand Americans from the western country, sharpshooters with the rifle and experienced in Indian fighting, would march through Cuba from one end to the other. I believe, furthermore, that if such a troop were sent out and were supported by the insurgents, as it would be, great results would follow. In the first place, these men would be printers. They would light in American fashion. They would bring to bear against the Spanish cohesiveness, precision, courage, strategy. If they did not accomplish so very much from the military point of view, they would certainly stir up the diplomatic world. Land such a party of armed Americans in Cuba and Spain would go wild. She would lose her head. She would demand all sorts of things from the United States, and the result in all probability would be an international war. If the newspaper in question sends out an armed expedition, I suppose it will be with this result in mind. What an advertisement that would make for the enterprising paper!"

Spain's Weakness.

"Every military authority in the world is surprised that Spain has not quelled the rebellion before this," continued this army officer. "If Spain had the proper sort of fighting material, she could put down the revolt in short order. Does it not seem strange that the diplomatic world should be stirred up and the cause of two such nations as the United States and Spain be endangered by a little one horse rebellion which, in all probability, 2,000 American troops would wipe out in 49 days? It is the opinion of most military authorities that our regular army or the troops of England or Germany would put an end to the Cuban rebellion in two or three months. The trouble is that the Spanish troops figure only in platoons. They will not adopt the method of warfare which alone can produce results under the conditions which prevail.

"Do you suppose General Gomez's scattered bands could withstand such fighting as that which the English did at Durkaid ridge or such warfare as that which our troops have time and again been compelled to wage against the Sioux, the Modocs and the Apaches? No. England or the United States would have brought the trouble to an end long before this. The Spanish soldiers appear to be all right, but they lack leadership. We hear in Washington that Spain would have a good deal better chance to succeed if her government would suppress every café in the island. The Spanish officers do not care to get far away from the café. They enjoy themselves too well. If they make a

little rally out into the wild country, they turn back in a day or two to have a good time at the town. American or English soldiers would follow up a trail till they got what they were after. If necessary, they would take their kites on their backs, live on the country and penetrate the very fastnesses, just as we had to do in Indian fighting and as the English have to do in fighting the tribesmen on the frontier of India.

Speaking of fighting men reminds me that we are now erecting in Washington statues to two famous American military heroes. A statue of General Sherman is soon to be put up just south of the treasury department, near the White House, while a fine figure of General Logan is about ready to make its appearance in the center of beautiful Iowa circle, in the fashionable residence part of the city.

Stories of Sherman and Logan.

A retired army officer told me the other day a couple of good stories concerning these two military heroes who are soon to be honored in marble and bronze at the capital of our country.

"Did you know old General Sherman?" said the officer. "Well, he was the bluffest old fellow you ever saw. He had a way when people started to enter his office, probably for the purpose of asking a favor, of snorting out at them:

"Take 'em away. I am too busy to see any one. Let me alone."

One day I was in General Sherman's office and I witnessed a performance like this. After quiet had been restored I said:

"Sherman, I know you through and through. You are an old bluffer. You scare people off when they are at arms' length, but when they get to you they find you soft and easy. You are a bluffer, that's what you are, and underneath the surface you have a heart as soft as a woman's."

"That's just it. You've hit it," replied Sherman. "It's true. I admit it. That's why I try to scare 'em off. If they ever get to me I am a goner, no matter what they want, whether leniency to an offender or a subscription for a starving family."

The other story was characteristic of General Logan. His command while on the march once came to a river. There it halted. The engineers set to work to build a bridge. Their plans were elaborate. It looked as if it would take them a couple of days to get the structure up so the army could cross it. But Logan was in a hurry, as he was after the enemy. He rode to the bank of the river where the work was going on and with an oath he cried out:

"Stop this d—d nonsense. Bring up those wagons. Hurry 'em up here."

In 15 minutes the boxes had been taken off the army wagons. In 15 more a string of them were fastened together and floating in a line across the stream. In two hours the whole command was on the other side, crossing by means of this improvised bridge. That was John Logan for all the world.

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And a hundred other novelties to make eyes glisten on Christmas morning. All Sterling Silver warranted 925-1000ths fine. The famous Rogers' table silver—knives, forks, spoons, napkin rings, etc. And remember—
Over 2000 Finger Rings in Stock! All Sizes. All Prices.
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Seats on sale at Bartlett's Tuesday.
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wood office.

FAVORS THE PLAN

Hoosac Valley Agricultural
Society Will Probably
Change Into a Company.

ADJOURNED MEETING TOMORROW

Special Committee Will Report in
Favor of a Stock Company. But
Will Leave to Another Com-
mittee a Plan of Organ-
ization.

The Hoosac Valley Agricultural society
will hold an adjourned meeting tomorrow
at the Wilson opera house. The meeting
is for the purpose of hearing the report of
the committee chosen at the annual meet-
ing of the society to consider the advisa-
bility of forming a stock company to take
the place of the present organization.

The society has found itself badly har-
assed while working under the old
plan. It seems that all of the societies
that have formed themselves into stock
companies have been successful and that
it has been pushing along in a very unsatis-
factory way. All members of the society
have not seen things in this light, but
enough of them have to have been able to
carry a vote at the annual meeting that
some new plan should be considered.

The committee appointed by the new
president, George Z. Dean of Cheshire,
and which will report on a new plan to the
adjourned meeting tomorrow, held a
meeting Saturday and has de-
cided to return a report in favor of form-
ing a stock company. The committee has
no definite plan to report and will simply
report that it is in favor of the proposed
change and will ask that an adjourned
meeting be held to which another com-
mittee can report a plan of organization.

The society will probably meet and re-
ceive the committee's report tomorrow,
appoint another committee to consider a
plan of organization and adjourn for two
weeks more to await the report of the
new committee on organization.

UNDER \$400 BONDS.

Timothy Donovan and Peter Hutchin-
son Held For The Grand Jury.

The case against Timothy Donovan and
Peter Hutchinson for breaking and enter-
ing came up in court this morning. Law-
yer M. D. Couch appeared for the com-
monwealth.

The witnesses in the case were from
Mechanville and Schenectady, N. Y.
Robert McLaughlin, Nicholas Curt and
Nicholas Michael are all saloon keepers
in Mechanville and they testified that
the defendants had been in their places of
business and had offered knives and other
stuff for sale. Stewart Vessels of Schen-
ectady, N. Y., is a locksmith and he tes-
tified that the boys had been in his
shop and offered goods for sale.

When Donovan took the stand he tes-
tified that he and Hutchinson had been to
Schenectady, N. Y. On the way there
they met a fellow named Clark, who is
also wanted for the offense. Donovan
said he and Hutchinson met Clark at
Hoosick Falls, N. Y., and he told them
it was he who broke into Peuniman's
store in this city. He had with him some
of the knives that were stolen and they
tried to sell them in several places.

Both he and Hutchinson said they knew
nothing about the robbery, any more than
that Clark had said he committed it. In
Lawyer Couch's examination both de-
fendants were badly mixed and the case
looks bad for them.

They were placed under \$400 bonds to
await trial at the superior court in Pitts-
field to be held the second Monday in
January. Lawyer Dowlin appeared for
Donovan and asked that he be retained at
the police station until Tuesday noon, so
that bail might be secured.

BLACKINTON.

Rev. Mr. Sedgwick officiated at the
Episcopal services in school hall Sunday
afternoon after a few weeks vacation.

A mock trial will be held in the rooms
of the Y. M. C. I. society Thursday even-
ing. The legal counsel on both sides is
very strong and the trial no doubt
will be a very amusing affair.

D. Banery and Corrons powerful
drama, "A Celebrated Case," is being re-
hearsed by the F. M. T. A. Dramatic club.
It is to be presented the latter part of
January.

P. H. McMahon, who is a candidate for
the council, has many friends here who
are saying a good word him.

A 40 hours devotion began at the church
of the Holy family at Greylock Sunday
and is being largely attended. Services
were held at 5, 7, and 8:30 a. m. this morn-
ing and will be at the same hours Tuesday
morning.

The community was grieved this morn-
ing on hearing of the death of Charles
McMillan, who died at his home in North
Adams Sunday evening at 7:30. Mr. Mc-
Millan was for many years employed as
overseer of the dyeing department of the
Blackinton mills. He came to this coun-
try from Paisley, Scotland, to accept a
position as woolen dyer for the late A. T.
Stewart Woolen company at Leeds, N. Y.
He came to Blackinton over 20 years ago
and lived here for several years after
which he moved to North Adams. Dur-
ing his residence here he made many
friends who extend to the grief stricken
wife and family their heartfelt sympathy.

The football game between the Juniors
of Blackinton and the Drury Juniors of
North Adams that was played here Sat-
urday afternoon resulted in a tie 6 to 6.
If the Juniors were allowed to play the
game with their own team they would
probably have been beaten, as the Drurys
were much heavier. After the first half
the Juniors were re-inforced by three
new players who materially changed the
result of the game. While we always like
to see the home team win, we at the same
time like to see a visiting team treated
fairly. The Drurys came to Blackinton
and asked but a trifle for expenses. While
the home players of the game were
gentlemanly and the officials were fair
and impartial in their decisions, we are
sorry to say the Drurys went away with a
very poor opinion of Blackinton treat-
ment.

TRAVELLER'S GUIDE.

Fitchburg Railroad.
Corrected Nov. 15, 1897.
Trains leave North Adams going East—11:37,
12:18, 12:53, 3:53, a. m., 1:12, 4:41, 5:56,
6:20, a. m.
Going West—7:50, 10:03, a. m., 12:20, 1:24,
6:00, 12:05, 11:46, 2:39, 4:40 p. m.
Train Arrive From East—10:08, a. m., 12:10, 1:24,
6:00, 12:05, 11:46, 2:39, 4:40 p. m.
From West—11:37, 12:18, 12:53, 3:53, a. m., 1:12, 4:41,
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HARLEM DIVISION.
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York City 6:00 a. m.; arrive N. Y. City 11:53 a. m.
Leave North Adams 3:30 a. m.; arrive N. Y. City
4:58 p. m.; leave North Adams 3:00 p. m.; arrive
N. Y. City 8:42 p. m. Sunday train leaves North
Adams 1:55 p. m.; arrive N. Y. City 8:53 p. m.
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Only except Sundays, arriving in North Adams
at 12:30 p. m. and 9:50 p. m. Sunday train
leaves N. Y. City at 9:15 a. m. arrives North
Adams 4:20 p. m. J. J. Wolter, General Agent,
Albany, N. Y.

Boston & Maine Railroad.
AT GREENFIELD.
For Springfield, Northampton, and Holyoke 6:30
a. m., 10:30, 11:15 a. m., 1:00, 3:02, 4:12, 5:20 p. m.
Sundays 6:30, 8:45 a. m. For Dorrfield, Winsted
and Hatfield, 7:15, 11:15 a. m., 1:00, 4:12 p. m.
Sundays 6:30 a. m.
For South Vernon Junction, 8:52, 10:20 a. m.,
1:22, 3:30, 4:54, 9:15 p. m. Sundays 4:50 a. m.,
9:15 p. m.
For Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, and Windsor
10:22, a. m., 1:22, 4:54, 9:15 p. m. Sundays 4:50
a. m., 9:15 p. m.
For Lyndonville, 10:22 a. m., 1:22, 9:15 p. m. For
Newport and Sherbrooke, 10:22 a. m., 9:15 p. m.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

—A daughter was born this morning to
Mr. and Mrs. John Barrett.

—Once more, I. O. O. F., will work the
initiation degree on two candidates Tues-
day evening.

—Civil Engineer F. S. Smith of Park
avenue is ill with pneumonia and under
the care of Dr. M. M. Brown.

—A daughter was born Saturday after-
noon to Mr. and Mrs. George Martin of
North Houghton street, in Clarksburg.

—The three deaths in the city last week
were caused by lypus vulgaris, cerebral
hemorrhage and acute gastritis.

—The Ladies' Aid society of the Uni-
versalist church will serve a 15-cent sup-
per Wednesday evening from 5 to 7
o'clock.

—A meeting of the Woman's associa-
tion will be held in the chapel of the Con-
gregational church Tuesday afternoon at
8 o'clock.

—Owing to the organ recital at the
Methodist church on Tuesday evening the
usual meeting of the Girls' Friendly so-
ciety will be omitted.

—Next Sunday evening the pastor of the
Congregational church will make an
address appropriate to the Christmas
time. The talk will probably be illus-
trated by the stereopticon.

—There will be no session of the Tues-
day night institute tomorrow evening.
The regular session for that evening has
been postponed on account of the organ
recital at the Methodist church.

—The Methodist organ has been put in
prime condition for the recital Tuesday
evening. Edmunds Howard, the organ
builder of Northampton, was in the city
and has spent considerable time on the
instrument.

—Mrs. Bridget Dooley, aged 57 years,
died Sunday at her home, 6 Veszie street,
after an illness several weeks duration.
She had long been a resident of the city
and was highly respected by those who
knew her. She leaves three daughter
and a son.

—A paper has just been started named
the "Golden Star." The officers are:
Leah Curtis, editor-in-chief; Christine
Ward, secretary; Mary Brown, president;
Paul Curtis and Jack Tebbetta, reporter.
It is to be passed around in No. 7, Mark
Hopkins school.

—Whitney Bros. raised for the Windsor
company the largest iron smokestack in
this section. It is 143 feet high and 7 feet
4 inches in diameter. It was made by the
D. M. Dillon Steam Boiler works of
Fitchburg. Four new boilers have lately
been put in by the Windsor company,
which made the new stack necessary.
The raising of the stack was watched
with interest by many people.

All This Week.

The C. D. Henry comedy company will
open a week's engagement at Wilson
opera house tonight in "The Golden
Child." The company is a very good one.
Incidental to the play a number of strong
specialties will be introduced. Tonight
will be ladies' night and reserved seats
can be secured at Wilson house drug store
for 15 cents.

District Court.

This morning's court news is as fol-
lows:
James F. McDermott, adultery, held for
the grand jury, under \$300 bonds.

Augusta Jutila, fornication, sentenced
to 30 days in the house of correction. She
appealed and was placed under \$100 bonds
to wait trial at the superior court.

Remi Corin, drunkenness, defaulted.
James Little, drunkenness, placed on
three month's probation.

Charles Erles, drunkenness, continued
December 27.

John Roy, Herman Berkell, Thomas
Pattison, Lawrence McCarthy, J. M. Daly
and James Waters, drunkenness, fined \$5
each.

Thomas Cullen, drunkenness, placed on
three month's probation.

Charles Edgerton, larceny from build-
ing, continued until December 27.

Timothy Donovan and Peter Hutchin-
son, breaking and entering, held for the
grand jury under \$400 bonds each.

Peter Hutchinson, vagrancy, dis-
charged.

John Daly, William and Joseph Blair
James Nelson, Lawrence Tower and
Michael Kennedy, assault and disturbing
the peace, continued until December
20.

A. A. WILLS INDISCREET

Which of the Explanations Here
Given Really Explain?
Who is Unfair?

THE TRANSCRIPT today is favored with
a communication from Albert A. Wills
whom it reported in Friday's issue. In
that issue of the paper Mr. Wills was
quoted to prove that THE TRANSCRIPT
had been fair in its criticisms. The quo-
tation was made on the representations of
one of the paper's reporters who had had
a conversation with Mr. Wills the even-
ing before. The deductions drawn from
Mr. Wills' statements are charged by the
gentleman himself to be incorrect. Be-
fore saying more it is best to give Mr.
Wills' communication. It is as follows:

Mr. Wills writes.
EDITOR TRANSCRIPT—In justice to my-
self and to my friends, politically and
otherwise, I wish to set myself right be-
fore the readers of THE TRANSCRIPT.
THE TRANSCRIPT in its issue of Saturday
evening stated that I had said that I had
nothing unfair to charge against the
paper, both as regards its statements con-
cerning myself or Mr. Hamer and the
cause he represents. The facts are that I
told a TRANSCRIPT reporter, in response to
a question he asked me, that so far as
the paper had treated me I had
no fault to find with its course, and that
whatever it had said regarding me I con-
sidered had been fair. My statement re-
ferred only to what it had said in refer-
ence to myself and my own course, and
nothing else, for I do consider that it has
been very unfair to Mr. Hamer and many
who are supporting him. My statement
to its reporter was entirely misconstrued
whether purposely or not I cannot say. I
have sustained Mr. Hamer in the
council whenever I believed
him in the right, and I am supporting
him in this campaign because he rep-
resents what I believe is for the best in-
terests of the city. Furthermore, I shall
continue to give Mr. Hamer my most
loyal support, and shall work as actively
in his interest from now until election
day as my business duties will permit. I
want no one on either side of the political
contest to be misled in regard to my
position. ALBERT A. WILLS.
North Adams, Dec. 13, 1897.

THE TRANSCRIPT in quoting from the
conversation that Mr. Wills had with its
reporter studiously avoided saying some
things that would make him stand in a
strange light among his friends, the Hamer
men. It had room to say some things
that would have had this effect, but
attempting to follow the course of fair-
ness that it has maintained since the be-
ginning, it took from the conversation the
single point that was published and had
full consideration for the feelings of Mr.
Wills and also for the confidence that he
seemed to repose in THE TRANSCRIPT's
representative. Since Mr. Wills seeks in the
communication given to shake the paper's
veracity or an obvious purpose it is best
for the paper and for Mr. Wills, in his
language, that "no one on either side of
the political contest be misled" in regard
to his position to tell more.

Mr. Wills came up to THE TRANSCRIPT's
representative and voluntarily said that
"That article you had this afternoon was
very fair, was a good one." The article
that Mr. Wills had reference to was the
one in Friday's paper which showed Mr.
Hamer to be saying one thing and mean-
ing another about his position on public
improvements. The article showed that Mr.
Hamer had voted against all the public im-
provements and that Mr. Wills had not so
voted. The purpose of the article was to
show that Mr. Hamer was wrong and
that even Mr. Wills, his best supporter as
the paper and then reason to believe, saw
the advantage of voting for the things
that Mr. Hamer had opposed. This was
the article that Mr. Wills endorsed.

The conversation was continued be-
tween the representative of this paper
and Mr. Wills and Mr. Wills said that his
friends were wondering why THE TRAN-
SCRIPT had not said more about him than
it had. The representative then said that
it was the paper's desire to say no more
than it had room to say and he replied
that it had been fair to him, that he had
no fault to find.

Then it was said to Mr. Wills that it
was clear to many that no one had any
fault to find with the paper's criticisms on
the grounds of their being unfair, that
most people would admit that its excep-
tions were well taken. Again Mr. Wills
said that he had no fault to find.

The question of who would be the next
mayor came up and Mr. Wills was good
enough to place enough confidence in
THE TRANSCRIPT's representative to say
to him that he would be satisfied whether
Mr. Cady or Mr. Hamer were elected,
which then seemed strange in the light of
Mr. Wills' record as a Hamer worker.

A stranger thing was to come, for when
the conversation turned a little Mr. Wills
said with reference to the campaign that
he had done what he had agreed to do
and that he was now very active.

The representative of this paper
touched on the point of there being a lack
of faith placed in one another among the
Hamer men and remarked that the
making of wild statements in public
about reputable officials, having refer-
ence to Mr. Hamer's absurd and
hysterical attack on the public officials at
the last council meeting, that such state-
ments did not make votes, and Mr. Wills
said in a conciliatory tone that he could
not control those things.

This is the major part of the conver-
sation which was not a lengthy one and it
is now reported with regard for the feel-
ings of Mr. Wills as the point before was
reported. The readers of this paper can
come to their own conclusions about the
matter and if Mr. Wills wants to indulge
in further denials THE TRANSCRIPT has
space for them and will meet them.

Will Mr. Wills deny that he voluntarily
complimented THE TRANSCRIPT's repre-
sentative on an article that has cut his
chieftain more than any other article that
this paper has published?

Meeting in Ward 2.

There will be a meeting of the voters in
ward 2 in the old schoolhouse tomorrow
evening to discuss the issues of the city
campaign. All are invited to hear local
men talk local affairs.

What is This?

If the person sending a communication to
the secretary of the Young Men's
Christian association signed "A Hamer
Man" will call in and explain its meaning
we shall be glad to give the matter our
best attention.

R. E. LOVEJOY, General Secretary.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Miss Louisa M. Burmester has accepted
the position of assistant matron at the
North Adams hospital during the absence
of Miss Pinkerton.

C. Ross of Hoosick, N. Y., was the guest
of friends in the city Sunday.

Mrs. Martha Scott, of Colrain, who has
been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C.
N. Billings, has returned to her home
after a two week's stay here.

Miss Leta Dexter of Colrain was the
guest of Miss Gertrude Billings for a few
days the past week.

Mrs. H. M. Pierce and daughter, Helen,
who have been visiting Mr. Pierce's
mother, Mrs. C. N. Billings, for the past
week, have returned to their home in
Troy, N. Y.

Mrs. A. W. Hardman, with her son and
daughter, went to New York this after-
noon to live. Mr. Hardman went several
weeks ago.

John Kellier of this city is the guest of
Pittsfield friends.

William Sine and T. Hobert have en-
tered the New York trade school to study
plumbing.

Albert Doan has returned from Hart-
ford, Conn., and will spend Christmas
here.

Edwin F. Butler of Boston was the
guest of friends in this city Sunday.

BRAYTONVILLE.

David Jarvis has purchased of the
Greylock company what was formerly
the Pitt property on West Main street.
William H. Bates, Sr., of Gardner is
spending a few days with relatives in
town.

Miss Mabel Tirrell of Manchester, Conn.,
is visiting her uncle, Harry R. Hamor.
Col. Merriam of Merriam avenue has
been ill the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Leonard and child
of Schaghticoke, N. Y., are visiting at
the home of his sister, Mrs. Arthur Garlick.
Robert Vosberg, who has been ill the
past three weeks, is now able to be out.

"Parties who have driving horses which
they want to put out for the winter will
find comfortable quarters at low rates at
the Idlewild. Telephone or write Henry
C. Savage.

Bargains in Handkerchiefs.

Did anyone ever have too many Handkerchiefs? You say
"No." Why not buy a half dozen for your friend. Some at
5c, 15c, 25c and \$1.

A Box of Hosiery makes a very acceptable present
always; 6 pairs for \$1.50, the latest.

Bargains in Sofa Pillows, Sterling Silver, Books, Croch-
ery, Rugs, Pictures and Fancy Knick Knacks.

Be sure to get our prices on JACKETS and FURS
before you buy.

Tuttle & Bryant, Wilson Block.

Common Sense and Fashion

Go hand in hand in Shoes this season. Broad
toes and soles are all the go. We have a Ladies'
Heavy Dongola Shoe, lace and button, with kid and
patent tips and heavy extension sole—just the thing
for weather like this—\$2, \$2.50 and \$3 a pair.
Goodyear "Glove" and Boston Rubbers.

Murdock's Shoe Store, 7 Eagle St.

A New Lot of

COBBLERS' KITS has just arrived to replenish
our stock, which was rapidly sold out.
Repair your own and your children's shoes, and
save money by using these Cobblers' Kits. Sold
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You can afford them at our prices. We are
determined to close out our entire stock in this
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THREE PRETTY WOMEN IN FUR LINED CLOAKS.

Bab Writes an Interesting Letter on the Well Dressed Maid and Matron of Today.

There is no doubt about it that we who are supersensitive are having an unhappy time of it. It is possible that when we enjoy we enjoy as no others do, but when we suffer, what it does mean! From a toothache to the loss of one's best friend, from a disappointment in a frock to coming down to bread and butter without jam, there is such intense wear that all the pleasure in the world, or at least in this world of worry, cannot compensate for our sorrows. We who have seen New York at its worst, with one side of the street dug up to let the gas pipes go in, the other side dug up to let water pipes go in and the middle dug up for the benefit of the car tracks, have endured smells—you cannot call them odors—that are past description and have come to the conclusion that the American public is the most long suffering and the most absolutely idiotic of any in the world. No other nation would endure what we do.

As a nation we may have rights; as individuals we are counted as nonentities. Good, clean street cars are started for the benefit of the public. The individual pays his nickel and has to stand. If he were an Englishman, he would write a letter to The Times, all other sufferers would join in signing a petition, and the car company would be forced after the seats were all occupied to put out a sign announcing that it was "complete," and if any one entered after that it would be because he preferred to stand and against the rules and wishes of the corporation. Independent! As individuals we are the most servile in the world!

We are so afraid of what somebody will say, and we are so ready to start on a pilgrimage of improvement and so willing to stop midway. We have good intentions of which we repent, and naturally these go to make an uncomfortable roadway for somebody hereafter. It does not make the least difference whether you wear a No. 10 or a No. 1 shoe in these days of wretched streets, because one's boots are so entirely covered with mud that it looks as if country roads had been gone through rather than what might be called and should properly be the by-ways of civilization.

With the various effects in the way of chills, fevers, nervous exhaustion and the queer stomach troubles and horrible colds that have come from stagnant pools and abominable smells at least one type of woman is abroad. She is not altogether pleasant. She is crude. Crudeness in a woman is offensive. She must be like the orchid, the product of civilization. But the woman who is to the front now and who is doing much talking is the sanitary woman. No place is sacred to her, for she rushes in where even the most daring angels would not venture, and no human being is free from her fads. She tests the way we breathe, the clothes we wear, the friends we have and scorns tradition as she does dust.

I hate the sanitary woman. I am perfectly willing to live on as did my grandmothers, with no knowledge whatever of sanitary blessings. In fact, I sometimes wonder if they are blessings. The sanitary woman is a most unpleasant person to visit you. On her arrival she carefully inspects the plumbing and has to have some special treatment of her own given to the bath nearest her. She criticizes the food and counts it as worthless unless it belongs to the special health variety which she upholds. She tries to convince you that you are not properly clothed and that she is, while the fact that she looks a gay and you do not only adds to her indignation. Nine times out of ten, unless she is very well read and simply slightly insane, she manages to call you a frivolous female.

Of course every woman is a female, but no woman likes to be called that. It is putting her on a par with the animals in the menagerie. Still it is a curious thing that in this world of men—unless they are cranks, and then they are not men—like frivolous females, I have an idea that Eve frivoleed. I remember that Lilith did, and I would be willing to bet my last gold dollar (now worth \$1.65) that all the women of ancient history who wore the least degree of chainmail were frivolous. One does not want the air dissected and the water analyzed with one's dinner. One does not want the charms of graham bread and the delicacy of a baked apple and the intoxicating equities of oatmeal the theme at breakfast, nor does one wish the value of flannel worn next to the skin and no corsets the subject for lunch.

Imagine, if you can, the sanitary woman in love. Imagine the discussion of what one ate and drank and wore as being part of a love affair. Fancy talking about a new health food between a kiss. Oh, it is past belief! It is absolutely fair to conclude that the sanitary woman has no reason for existence and that in time she will drop into that desecrated which is her proper place. Selah!

The big hats, with their 12 to 24

feathers surmounting them, are shown in the shop windows and are sold to those unsuspecting women who believe what their milliners tell them. As the woman who buys whatever she is advised to is many in number, you see the big hat here, there and everywhere. The tall women look like overgrown mushrooms, and small women look like candles wearing fire extinguishers, and the wind plays havoc with the feathers, and the milliners smile and thank

heaven that there are a great many fools still in existence. However, there is an occasional milliner who tells the truth. She said to me the other morning: "Big hats were bought early in the season by the very smart women, who wore them when they were driving and while they were still in the country, but now they are the women who have the close fitting little toques oftenest made of a piece left from their gowns. Don't misunderstand me. These toques are not cheap. The less they have on the more they cost, because under much trimming you can hide bad work, but a simple hat must be perfect in its development."

The well dressed woman is without doubt that woman who understands the eternal fitness of things. When the beautiful Duchess of Devonshire was painted and the artist made her famous nobody dreamed that such a hat as hers would be worn except in the daytime. In these days magnificence was the keynote of all dress, and undoubtedly her ladyship had just come from a walk in the garden the day her picture was painted, although she was dressed in a broadcated petticoat and a satin jacket for her morning stroll. But when she went to the theater to laugh at Nell Gwynn or to the opera to hear the French singers her beautiful hair was elaborately dressed with feathers and jewels, and she took off after she entered her box the quilted hood that protected her head from drafts as she traveled through the streets in her sedan chair.

Nowadays hats and gowns suited to the street are worn in the evening, lace and jewels proper only for evening wear are conspicuous in the morning and the law of good taste seems forgotten. But there are some women who dress well. Occasionally one does meet a woman who in the morning is gown in the simplest of cloth frocks, who in the afternoon goes visiting in a rich silk and velvet and a tiny bonnet and who in the evening is fine and gay in bright colors and lace, rich jewels and rustling silks and all the fur-trimmed wraps specially permitted to lovely women.

By the bye, fur is on everything from the tail to the dressing gown and from the street wrap to the opera wrap. Women always feel luxurious when they have on fur. They caress one. They make the skin look whiter, the eyes brighter and clearer, and given a warm glow, whereas they are plenty of flowers and some sweet perfume, the woman who goes in from the cold wrapped up in furs suddenly feels a sense of great luxury as she pulls the soft, warm wrappings about her, even if she does not need them. I remember three beautiful actresses who always looked their best in fur lined cloaks—Lillie Langtry, in a sapphire velvet cloak lined with the skins of 200 chinchillas; Olga Nethersole, in an orange velvet wrap, lined with ermine, and Mrs. Brown Potter, in a green velvet wrap lined with mink. Olga, that artist in dress, always covers her heroines with furs, which for a time they always de-

cline to lay aside, giving the people whom they are visiting an opportunity to see them in the most picturesque framing possible. The skins of animals seem proper for women to wear, for one can think of the brave lover risking his life to hunt wild beasts that they may be laid at the feet of his ladylove to form a mantle for her, which will always remind her of his temerity. That sounds nice and sentimental, but nowadays the bravery usually consists in the man being willing to pay the bill after my lady has chosen what she desires to possess in the way of furs. Every woman longs for sable—Russian sables—but unfortunately every woman does not get them. However, there are other furs that are wonderfully becoming and which are within the reach of the average woman. There is the blue fox, which is gray, and which brings out the olive skin of the brunette in the most exquisite manner. Then there are mink and ermine and black fox for the blond, who, if she has a good bank account, makes herself look handsome in a Russian blouse of sealskin having a high collar of ermine. Almost any trouble could be borne in such a garment, for the consolations of religion would be weak beside it. There is some-

thing dignified about furs, and yet how few women are dignified. The average woman, anxious to be dignified, looks, to quote my old mammy, "as if she had swallowed a poker," or, to quote from a recent importation from Ireland, "as if she had taken an extra dose of ramrod tea." Dignity is a something that comes with years of experience, and it cannot be assumed. It is singularly restful and has a peculiar charm of its own. Two dignified women, as unlike as possible, are the happy queer of England and the unhappy empress of France, and yet they are so dignified—one tiny and so stout that she can scarcely walk, but all who approach her, or even see her, are conscious that she is a woman of dignity, and while she is kind and thoughtful and has been a good mother, yet she is beyond frivolity, her very atmosphere expressing the very best sort of dignity; the other tall, slender, peculiarly sad in her mourning robes, breathes the same spirit. The youngest soldier represents to her what her son might have been, and for him she has a kindly word, yet one feels, no matter how she may speak in kindness, that he would not dare answer her except in a way appreciative of the position that she has held.

Real dignity does not mean stiffness or arrogance, but it is that something that tells us that the woman we are looking at has lived out a noble, good life and that the time has come for us to show her in our manner the respect we feel in our hearts. The dignified woman is the flower of humanity. You know there are people who cannot distinguish between weeds and flowers. Sometimes the sun has made the rose come forth and bloom, surrounded it with lovely green leaves and then up around it have grown tall, poisonous weeds, and people who don't know the difference reach out and grasp, perhaps the flower, perhaps the weed, and

it out. Shake well and hang it up in the open air, if possible, to dry. Failing in this, let it hang in a cool room, but on no account put it near the fire. Hot water must never be used, and if there are any very bad stains or grease marks which will not yield to the soap alone rub a little turpentine on them.

Stains on white flannel are hard to remove. The best way is to mix together equal parts of the yolks of eggs and glycerin, apply it to the stains and allow it to soak for half an hour or so before the article is washed.

To clean carpets without taking them

up: First thoroughly sweep the carpet, then put 4 teaspoonfuls of ammonia to a pail of water and scrub the carpet with a medium brush and wipe with a cloth exactly as you would do in cleaning an unpainted floor. Change the water frequently, leave the windows open, and the carpet will soon dry.

A servant is much more likely to be fastidious in her dish washing and careful with dish towels if she is provided with proper ones in the beginning. The ideal cloth for washing dishes is made by taking a square cheese cloth, doubling it twice, making four thick-

nesses, and quilting it in large meshes on the sewing machine. This makes a towel, soft, thick, agreeable to handle and easily kept white.

To prevent colored things from running blue a quarter of a pound of soap till nearly dissolved, then add a small piece of alum and boil it; wash the things in this lather, but do not soap them. If they require a second water, put alum in that also, as well as in the rinsing blue water.

People who suffer with perspiring feet will find great relief if they wash the feet every night with warm vinegar

and water for several minutes. Then dust over them a powder of one part salicylic acid to eight parts of talc powder.

In Chicago, in New York, in Philadelphia, there are several instances of women who have retired to a life of

apiece for such goods in order to sell them at a reasonable profit. She must be able to judge in a moment when a newly designed article is shown her at the factory whether or not the price asked for it is reasonable. She must know the wholesale price for the velvet, silk or satin that trims the garment; also, the price of the cloth it is made of, the cost of the making, and so on, and be able to calculate to a fraction just what profit she ought to allow the manufacturer. To a good buyer the manufacturer shows his best, and most unique bargains. If she is not liberal, wants to jaw him down to ten close a margin, or if she does not buy enough to make it worth his while to cater to her tastes, he shows her only his slow selling goods and keeps the rest back for more enterprising customers.

How much money does a woman buyer for such an important department use during the year? If she is a good worker, she turns her stock money over two or three times. Certainly she buys during the year from \$300,000 to \$500,000 worth of goods. Such a buyer will have been in the business certainly ten years or more and have familiarized herself with every detail. Occasionally a bright, keen witted woman with a talent for comparing values will learn the market and its possibilities and limitations in less than three years' time.

Up to a few seasons ago women buyers were employed principally in the

position of buyer it is because she is

exceptionally qualified for it," said the manager of a big department store. "The post of the buyer is too responsible, too closely allied with the heart of the business, to be bestowed lightly."

So, with this surety to go by, it is safe to infer that there are between 500 and 1,000 women in the United States possessed of exceptional business capacity and putting their talents in that line to everyday use.

There are at least 50 per cent more women buyers in the trade now than there were six years ago. This authority added, "The reason? Well, because even conservative merchants are beginning to have confidence in women's judgment, and there is such ample proof day after day of their ability that only prejudiced men flout at it. From the time that women first entered the stores at all, even as saleswomen, their taste and intuition for style, their ability to select, were noticed. The only thing that held them back from the highest positions and that holds them back now in some houses was the fear that they could not be relied on to make judicious investments. Many women are incapable in this respect, but most of these buyers we are speaking of have keen business sense, are conservatively and yet at the same time have enterprise enough to lay in a supply of novelties of ever rising high priced goods in order to keep their department up to the mark."

What salary can a woman buyer make a year? For an exclusive house, where she handles only a fine line of goods, she is paid from \$6,000 to \$8,000 a year. Such a buyer purchases the masses' and ladies' suits direct from the factory where they are made, fine, well cut, well put up suits of original design. She must not have too many of one size or pattern, yet she must have enough. She must know her line of custom from A to Z and know exactly how much she can afford to pay

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WOMEN WHO BUY GOODS FOR BUSINESS HOUSES.

There Are Over Seven Hundred American Ladies In This Branch of Commercial Life.

New York, Dec. 19.—A certain little cloth covered volume published during the present year contains a list of the names significant in the great retail trade of the country, the names of the buyers who select and purchase goods for various firms in all parts of the Union. There are over 700 women's names registered in this list, and those able to judge state that there are fully 200 other women buyers whose names are merely set down as S. Brown or C. Jones, without the distinguishing prefix of Miss or Mrs.

"You can depend upon it that whenever you find a woman occupying the position of buyer it is because she is

exceptionally qualified for it," said the manager of a big department store. "The post of the buyer is too responsible, too closely allied with the heart of the business, to be bestowed lightly."

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New York, Dec. 19.—A certain little cloth covered volume published during the present year contains a list of the names significant in the great retail trade of the country, the names of the buyers who select and purchase goods for various firms in all parts of the Union. There are over 700 women's names registered in this list, and those able to judge state that there are fully 200 other women buyers whose names are merely set down as S. Brown or C. Jones, without the distinguishing prefix of Miss or Mrs.

"You can depend upon it that whenever you find a woman occupying the position of buyer it is because she is

exceptionally qualified for it," said the manager of a big department store. "The post of the buyer is too responsible, too closely allied with the heart of the business, to be bestowed lightly."

So, with this surety to go by, it is safe to infer that there are between 500 and 1,000 women in the United States possessed of exceptional business capacity and putting their talents in that line to everyday use.

There are at least 50 per cent more women buyers in the trade now than there were six years ago. This authority added, "The reason? Well, because even conservative merchants are beginning to have confidence in women's judgment, and there is such ample proof day after day of their ability that only prejudiced men flout at it. From the time that women first entered the stores at all, even as saleswomen, their taste and intuition for style, their ability to select, were noticed. The only thing that held them back from the highest positions and that holds them back now in some houses was the fear that they could not be relied on to make judicious investments. Many women are incapable in this respect, but most of these buyers we are speaking of have keen business sense, are conservatively and yet at the same time have enterprise enough to lay in a supply of novelties of ever rising high priced goods in order to keep their department up to the mark."

What salary can a woman buyer make a year? For an exclusive house, where she handles only a fine line of goods, she is paid from \$6,000 to \$8,000 a year. Such a buyer purchases the masses' and ladies' suits direct from the factory where they are made, fine, well cut, well put up suits of original design. She must not have too many of one size or pattern, yet she must have enough. She must know her line of custom from A to Z and know exactly how much she can afford to pay

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